PIPER RUDNICK LLP
1200 NINETEENTH STREET, NW
WASHINGTON, DC 20036-2412
TELEPHONE: 202-861-3900
FACSIMILE: 202-223-2085

DOCKET NO.: 9550-019-27

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
PO BOX 1450
ALEXANDRIA, VA 22313-1450

        Re: Serial No.: 10/044,708
                 Applicant(s): Yongchang QIU, et al.
                 Filing Date: October 22, 2001
                 For: ISOTOPE-CODED IONIZATION-ENHANCING REAGENTS (ICIER)
                 FOR HIGH-THROUGHPUT PROTEIN IDENTIFICATION AND
                 QUANTITATION USING MATRIX-ASSISTED LASER DESORPTION
                 IONIZATION MASS SPECTROMETRY
                 Group Art Unit: 1743
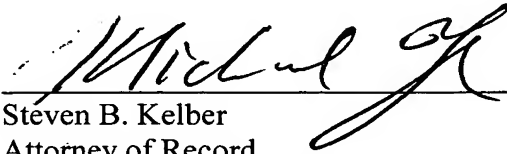   Examiner: Maureen Wallenhorst

SIR:

    Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

Amendment
Cited Documents (2)

    Our check in the amount of $0.00 is attached covering any required fees. In the event any variance exists between the amount enclosed and the Patent Office charges for filing the above-noted documents, including any fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for any necessary extension of time to make the filing of the attached documents timely, please charge or credit the difference to Deposit Account No. 50-1442. Further, if these papers are not considered timely filed, then a request is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for the necessary extension of time. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

                 Respectfully submitted,

                 PIPER RUDNICK LLP

                 Steven B. Kelber
                 Attorney of Record
                 Registration No.: 30,073

                 Michael Ye
                 Registration No.: 47,195

9/1/04

DOCKET NO. 9550-019-27

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Yongchang QIU, et al.

ART UNIT: 1743

SERIAL NO.:   10/044,708

EXAMINER: Maureen Wallenhorst

FILING DATE: October 22, 2001

FOR: ISOTOPE-CODED IONIZATION-ENHANCING REAGENTS (ICIER) FOR HIGH-THROUGHPUT PROTEIN IDENTIFICATION AND QUANTITATION USING MATRIX-ASSISTED LASER DESORPTION IONIZATION MASS SPECTROMETRY

AMENDMENT

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
PO BOX 1450
ALEXANDRIA, VA 22313-1450

SIR:

     Responsive to the outstanding Office Action dated September 29, 2004, entry of the

following amendments is respectfully requested.